WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An information processing apparatus comprising:
- a display;
- a common button functioning as both an activation button for activating a predetermined program and a determination button for determining an item selected from options appearing on the display while the predetermined program is activated; and

at least one cursor key for selecting the item, the cursor key being arranged adjacent to the common key.

- 2. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a pointing device for moving a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction, the pointing device being arranged adjacent to the common button.
- 3. The information processing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the at least one cursor key comprises a plurality of cursor keys arranged around the perimeter of the pointing device and the common key is arranged outside the perimeter of the plurality of cursor keys.